IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. KOHARA et al. Confirmation No.: 9823

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For: MICRO-PARTICLE ARRAY ANALYSIS SYSTEM, MICRO-

PARTICLE ARRAY KIT, AND CHEMICAL ANALYSIS METHOD

Group: 1634

Examiner: R. Crow

REPLY

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 March 27, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2008, the period for reply thereto being extended two months to expire March 27, 2009, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings describing changes to drawings shown in the Appendix are on page 10.

Remarks are included following the amendments.